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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks, pursuant to our phone call Monday, July 22, 2002, during which it was requested that we submit a clean set of substitute claims for easier review.

Amendment

Kindly amend the application as follows.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel all of the currently pending claims.

Please add all of the following, properly numbered claims:

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1. A method of fulfilling an information need based on documents and an index stored on a computer-readable medium comprising the steps of:
receiving a query containing an unspecified portion;
identifying one or more documents in the index that contain a match for at least a portion of the query; and
locating one or more matches for the query within the identified one or more documents.

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2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the index identifies documents containing terms or groups of terms that satisfy restrictions.

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Enclosed please find the following documents in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

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1. Preliminary Amendment (17 pages); and

2. Return-receipt postcard.

Authorization is granted to charge all filing fees due to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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